

Della Ann Matthis

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Current Position

1999-present USF/E-Rate Coordinator, Alaska State Library, AK Department of Education and Early Development

Duties include managing the statewide participation in the USF/E-Rate program, consultation with school districts statewide, development and delivery of training workshops, implementing a state information system for public libraries, school districts and service providers, monitoring federal telecommunications programs, legislation and grants and providing information and advice to Alaska EED and State Library, collaboration in state level curriculum and school reform efforts including a statewide planning initiative for district educational technology plans, and working with regional and national state technology director groups.

Education

Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Alaska; MAT in Library Science for Elementary Schools, 1972

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky; BS in Elementary Education, 1959

University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska; Coursework, 1971 to present

Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, Alaska; Coursework, 1976 to present

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky; Coursework, 1990

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Coursework, 1983

Past Professional Positions

1995-1999 School Library Coordinator, Alaska State Library, AK Department of Education

1986-1995 Librarian, Gruening Middle School, Eagle River, Alaska

1983-1986 Microcomputer Teacher Expert, Curriculum and Instruction Department, Anchorage School District

1976-1983, 1972-1973 Librarian, Elementary schools, Anchorage School District

1970-1972 GED Training, Department of the Army
Member State Operated Schools Advisory School Board, Ft. Richardson, Alaska

1962-1968 Elementary Teacher: Indianapolis, Indiana; Tehran, Iran; Fort Knox, Kentucky

Professional Activities

State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) 1999 to present
Adjunct instructor for Alaska Pacific University and University of Alaska Anchorage in the fields of children's literature, audio-visual equipment and usage, computer use, literature in the teaching of reading and library science 1976 to present
Alaska Department of Education Talent Bank: Microcomputers, Library Skills, and Reading with Literature
University of Alaska Anchorage Elementary Education Advisory Board 1982-1983
Inservice presentations for multiple Alaska school districts 1976-1995
University of Arizona Extended University School of Library Science Program Mentor 1991-93
Anchorage School District Committees:
 Talent Bank: Microcomputers, Library Skills, and Reading with Literature
 Selection Policy Committee 1992
 Library Technology Committee 1988, 1992
 Microcomputer Curriculum Committee 1983-1986
 Controversial Materials Committee 1978-1980, 1992-1995
 IMC Curriculum Committee 1976-1978
 Design and Building Committee, Mirror Lake Middle School 1993-1995
Northwest Educational Technology Consortium (NETC) Representatives Board 1996-1998
Milken Exchange on Educational Technology State Technology Directors Panel 1997-1998

Professional Organizations, Offices and Awards

NEA, NEA-AK, and A(nchorage)EA
American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, Association for Library Service to Children, Alaska Library Association (1999: Lifetime Member Award), Alaska Association for School Librarians (treasurer, newsletter editor, newsletter publisher; 1989 State Librarian of the Year; 1994 Linda K. Barrett Service Award); 1999: Lifetime Member Award)
Alaska Society for Technology in Education (secretary, treasurer, state conference coordinator; 1989 President's Service Award; 1998 Past Service Award; 2002; President's Award)
International Reading Association (Cook Inlet Reading Council Literacy Award, 1991)
Phi Delta Kappa
ASCD
Electronic Learning Educator of the Year (1984 Honorable Mention Award)
ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom Leadership Development Institute 1995
Alaska State Department of Education Promising Practices and Merits Awards 1979-1994

References available upon request